

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2007
HARBOR COMMITTEE

Members Present

Terry Howard, Chairman
David Ross, Councilman
Ernie Bowden
Mike Handforth
Wayne Merritt, Harbor Master

Others Present

Robert Ritter, Town Manager

Call to Order.

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Agenda Adoption

Mr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Handforth, to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Harbor Master Update (Wayne Merritt).

Harbor Master Merritt reported that the Harbor has been quiet for the last few weeks due to the lack of fish and all of the current regulations in place. He added that the scallop boats have left and that subleasing has dropped off. Mr. Merritt informed that the ladders have been received for the Harbor and that they will be installed in the areas that were shown on the phase II drawings of the Harbor. He stated that he and Town Manager Ritter have discussed ways to offer the slip holders a discount on winter storage by not charging them for winter storage if their slip is being subleased. The Committee unanimously agreed to forward this idea to Council for consideration. Mr. Merritt reported that the only real problem currently at the Harbor is the household trash being placed in the Harbor containers.

2. Update on Dredging of Curtis Merritt Harbor.

Mr. Merritt and Mr. Ritter met with the Army Corp of Engineers and were told that the Harbor may not be dredged until after the summer.

3. Update on Office & Restrooms.

The Committee was informed that the elevation certificate for the restroom site has been completed and that the information will be forwarded to the Town's consultant as soon as the Town receives it.

4. Breakwater Replacement.

Two options were presented to the Committee with a dock and landing on each option. One option (A) was to move the breakwater out 30 feet, and the other option (B) was to leave the breakwater where it is currently located. A motion was made by Mr. Bowden and seconded by Councilman Ross to accept the first option (A) of moving the breakwater and dock out 30 feet. The second option (B) of replacing the breakwater in the existing location with a new dock and platform will be considered if at any time the proper permits could not be obtained for option (A). The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Committee Member Comments.

Mr. Bowden mentioned that there is still a problem with people parking their cars at the loading dock and leaving them there. He also mentioned that there are several slip holders that do not currently have a boat to put in their slip, but that are "leasing" a boat from someone else so that the other person [the actual boat owner] can use their slip. In addition that other person [the actual boat owner] is paying the original slip holder's yearly lease amount for him so that they have a place to put their boat. Mr. Bowden stated that this was not fair to those people that have

been on the waiting list. Chairman Howard responded that these concerns will be addressed at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment.

Chairman Howard announced that the next meeting will be on March 14, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Handforth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm.